Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 21 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 19 Sep 2023 at 14:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for timing of rain clearance on Wednesday morning. Otherwise high for changeable and showery weather for the rest of this week. High for a drier day on Saturday.

Headline for Wednesday 20 Sep 2023: Windy with scattered showers, brightest in the south

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
>95%	>95%	80%	30%	30%	40%	40%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Sep 2023

Weather: Outbreaks of rain, heavy at first, will clear away by the end of the night. Then the day will see bright intervals and a few passing showers. Showers will be most frequent and occasionally heavy in the afternoon and evening with a chance of thunder.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, best chance in the morning

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud down to 400 to 700 metres at first, this lifting and breaking to patches down to 800 metres by mid-morning. Low cloud will become more extensive at times down to 700 metres across northern and western Argyll as well as southern Lochaber through the afternoon and evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	44/53 SW	38/48 S	35/45 S	39/50 S	49/65 S	44/58 SW	39/53 SW	37/50 SW	37/49 SW
900	25/35 SW	27/38 SW	24/34 S	28/40 S	36/50 S	32/45 SW	30/43 SW	28/40 SW	27/39 SW
600	28/35 SW	36/45 SW	30/38 S	32/41 S	42/56 S	39/52 SW	35/47 SW	34/46 SW	34/46 SW
300	13/20 SW	18/30 S	16/28 S	23/36 S	27/41 S	24/38 SW	19/32 SW	18/31 SW	18/31 S
Glen	7/18 S	13/29 SW	9/23 SW	15/32 S	20/40 S	20/39 SW	15/32 SW	14/30 SW	15/31 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	9/4	8/2	7/1	5/-2	4/-4	4/-4	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6
900	10/6	10/6	9/5	8/3	7/2	6/0	5/-1	4/-2	4/-2
600	12/7	12/7	12/8	10/6	10/4	8/3	7/2	7/1	7/1
300	13/11	14/11	14/11	13/9	12/8	10/7	9/6	9/5	9/5
Glen	14/13	15/13	15/13	14/12	14/10	12/9	11/8	11/8	10/8
Freezing Level*	2800m	2600m	2500m	1900m	1900m	1700m	1600m	1500m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Gales or even storm force summit winds will lead slow progress and a risk of being blown over. Drenching conditions will also develop in any rain along with notable wind chill.

Forecast for Thursday 21 Sep 2023

Weather: After a bright start in the south there will be a fair amount of cloud through the day with showers or occasionally longer spells of rain. Windy on the summits with notable wind chill.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds average speeds of 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph, but nearer to 50 mph on the higher tops at first

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance in the south first thing in the morning

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 700 to 900 metres through the day, this most persistent across Argyll and southern Lochaber

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to 16 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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